Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1–4 were pending in this action. Claims 2-4 were objected to. Claim 1 was rejected. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled. Claims 5-7 have been added.

It is respectfully acknowledged with appreciation that claims 2–4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. New claim 5 incorporates the combined features of claims 1 and 2, and new claim 6 depends upon new claim 5. It is thus respectfully submitted that claim 5 is allowable, along with its respective dependent claim (i.e., claim 6). Similarly, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the features of claim 1. New claim 7 incorporates the combined features of claim 1 and claim 4. It is thus respectfully submitted that claim 7 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account 20-0900.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1-6, replaces the original sheeting including Figs. 1-6. In Fig. 2, previous element 19 has been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



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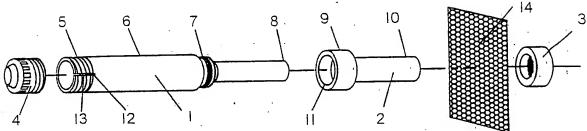


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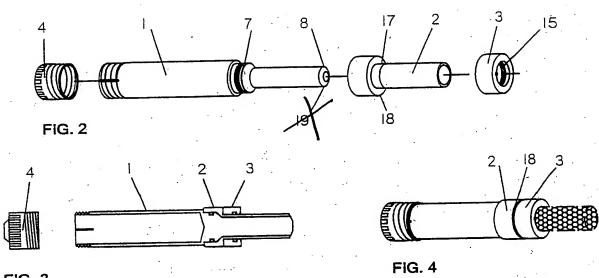


FIG. 3

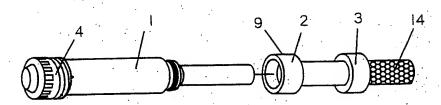


FIG. 5

